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Summer interns get the grand RIDOT tour

**By Bethany Lardaro
RIDOT Communications Intern**

On Thursday July 18 and Friday July 19, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation summer interns and their honorary camp counselors: Mary Gelardi, Dana Al-

exander Nolf, Dan DiBiasio, and Vanessa Crum, who all braved the heat and embarked on a two-day tour of some of the past and present transportation projects in Rhode Island.

The Intern Enhancement Program was designed to give the interns a broader view of the many facets of Rhode Island's

transportation system. The interns got to see parts of the I-195 relocation, the Kingston Train Station, the South County Bike Trail, the Route 403 relocation, and Post Road construction.

The interns were also given a tour of JH Lynch & Sons Inc. where concrete and
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RIDOT INTERNS and tour leaders visit the site of the Quonset Point/Davisville access road, in construction.

John Larch - off to war again

In 1999, RIDOT engineer and First Lieutenant John Larch received orders from the Army. By the end of 2001, he would be deployed to Bosnia. Hoping to continue his career with RIDOT upon his return from duty, Larch contacted Paul Pysz, Chief of Human Resources.

Pysz immediately began searching through laws and regulations concerning employee benefits for those that are called to active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

Once everything was in order, all Larch had to do was bring in a copy of his orders and he was cleared for leave time. "It was no trouble for me, all I had to do was sign



RIDOT Engineer and Army First Lieutenant John Larch, seen in training.

A "Patriotic" lesson in teamwork

**By Daniel Gannon
RIDOT Sign Technician**

Back in January and early February, we at RIDOT were rooting, along with the rest of New England, for our Patriots. They made a miraculous run through the NFL playoffs, culminating with a thrilling, last second victory over the heavily favored St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI in New Orleans.

An entire region, in fact an entire nation, was inspired by this team of overachieving "underdogs" who epitomized the word

"team" and who demonstrated that, through selflessness and dedication, greatness can be achieved!

How fitting that in this difficult year, the team wearing the Red, White, and Blue stood victorious in the end!

We in Rhode Island are fortunate that, for many years, the Super Bowl Champion Patriots (boy, that has a nice ring to it!) have made Bryant College in Smithfield their summer home.

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the papers, they (Human Resources) took care of the rest," he said this summer.

A temporary replacement was hired to take Larch's position while he was away. Pysz ensured that everything was in place so when Larch returned there would be a smooth transition.

In July, as Larch prepared to be deployed again, he felt confident that the transition from his military career back to his career with the DOT will be an easy one.

Reducing tragedies with youth intervention program

I've been in the transportation business a long time. Unfortunately over the years I have seen how the horrors of drinking and driving deaths can affect families, loved ones and friends.

We in Rhode Island are doing our part to help reduce these needless tragedies. Leading the way for our highway safety efforts is our Governor, Lincoln Almond. Through his guidance, RIDOT and the Governor's Office on Highway Safety have been dedicated to fighting the dangers of drinking and driving.

When young people ages 15 - 20, die in motor vehicle crashes, a third of those crashes involve alcohol. In 2000, over



Dir. William D. Ankner

16,650 people of all ages died in crashes involving alcohol. In 1998, a survey of Rhode Island students in grades 7 through 12 showed that 40 percent of them used alcohol during that past month. More than 25 percent of those of driving age said they drove after drinking alcohol at least once in the same time period.

RYDD, or Reducing Youthful Drinking & Driving, is helping to reduce these alarming statistics. Based at the Injury Prevention Center at Rhode Island Hospital, RYDD targets young adults aged 16-20

who have been charged with first-time alcohol or drug-related offenses, such as: driving under the influence; breathalyzer refusal; transportation of alcohol; or possession of alcohol.

Throughout RYDD's 16-hours of intervention, teens share their stories and learn that they have a choice when it comes to drinking or abusing drugs. Participants also spend two weekend night shifts doing volunteer work in Rhode Island Hospital's emergency room to see first hand the damage that drinking and drugged driving can cause.

Since the program's inception in Rhode Island in June 2001, there have been 80 participants. Although RYDD is still in its infant stages, I'm pleased to report that the preliminary data shows that none of our participants have been repeat offenders.

They like our bikepaths! RIDOT Headquarters marks 75th birthday

The following comments were recently received from visitors to Rhode Island:

We Long Islander's are quite jealous! You have managed to do something we cannot convince our governing officials to do - build a fantastic bike path...

Again, my wife and I commend you on your bikeways. They are well-maintained, take you to wonderful, practical, and desirable locations. One town (Warren) even fed us free hot dogs and lemonade (6/8/02)!! Keep-up the work! Connecting a bikeway loop from Providence (south) thru Bristol (south and east) to Newport, then (west and north) to Providence would be a true accomplishment to be proud of.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kuhl
Calverton, NY

Ran the north part of East Bay this morning and saw the very fine new map. Would like to receive a copy.

Want to use it here but also show them back in Linköping, Sweden where I live, that they should put their magnificent bike paths on the web.

Next refinement that would be nice would be to put an x at each mile point. Thanks for a very fine piece of work.

Larry Lundgren
Linköping, Sweden

By Brian Peterson

May 13, 2002

Seventy-five years ago today, ground was broken for a new state office building located on Smith Street across from the State House. An old Rhode Island manual states that, "due to the increasing amplification of government and the creation of new departments, it became necessary to procure additional space and consequently a new state office building was erected."

Ground was broken on May 13, 1927. The building was completed and delivered to the State House Commission on July 31, 1928 and first occupied by the Board of Public Roads on September 10, 1928. The architects were Jackson, Robertson and Adams of Providence, and it was built by J.W. Bishop Company at a cost of \$1,066,351.84.

The outer walls are made of turtle brick and burnt to a selected color. The columns on the front elevation, as well as the marble ashlar walls, windowsills and coping (covering) on the rubble granite walls around the grounds are from selected Vermont marble from the quarries of the Vermont Marble Company.

All of the granite-underpinning course and the Smith Street and Davis Street entrance



steps are of selected Westerly granite from the New England Granite Company, Westerly Rhode Island. The marble floor at the front entrance is of selected gray Tennessee marble. The balance of the corridor floors throughout the building is terrazzo.

The original building was 85,000 square feet and was 205 feet long in the front, 181 feet long on the side, 60 feet deep in the front, 50 feet deep on the side, and 45 feet tall.

In April of 1935, ground was broken for a \$198,536.70, 28,500 square foot, addition to the building. The addition was partially occupied in January of 1936 and delivered to the Division of Public buildings in November of 1936.

As a side note, the addition to the building was funded through the R.I. Emergency Public Works Commission as a Public Works Administration project.

Stan Severance honored for work with immigrants

In late June, the Providence Journal reported on a ceremony at Rhode Island College to honor a man who has devoted many hours and great effort to helping newcomers get accustomed to Rhode Island.

That man was Stan Severance of Scituate, a RIDOT appraiser who isn't just welcoming neighborhood arrivals. The people who Severance assists have arrived from another country, and he helps them learn our language and our customs.

The Alan Shawn Feinstein Merit Award for Outstanding Community Service, a Rhode Island Foundation award, was presented June 19 at Rhode Island College. Gathered for the presentation were families from Azerbaijan, Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia. Many could not speak a word of English when they arrived. Many were refugees.

Severance has volunteered to teach English through a Rhode Island College outreach program for nine years. But that is not all he does. Those who attended the program related that he had given them English dictionaries, helped them buy their first house and even took them to visit his vacation home in New Hampshire.

Karen Dionne, head of the Outreach Programs at Rhode Island College, nominated Severance for the award, and related how he has served as Santa Claus with a bag

full of toys to deliver, as a Spanish/Portuguese Santa Claus, and as a Russian Father Frost for the program.



NEW BIKEWAY SEGMENT OPENED: Governor Lincoln Almond officially opening the newest segment of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway in June. Seen above are, left to right, RIDOT Director William D. Ankner, Marilyn Almond, DEM Director Jan Reitsma, Governor Lincoln Almond, Lincoln Town Administrator Jonathan Oster, and U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy.

The new portion of the bike path extends the bikeway 3.5 miles from the village of Ashton in Cumberland to the village of Manville in Lincoln, and begins immediately to the north of the first completed section. The two sections, separated by the Blackstone River, provide nearly seven miles of pathway for biking, walking, jogging and roller blading. A bikeway bridge between the segments is expected to be complete in November. The Rhode Island portion of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway, when completed, will be 14 miles long, connecting Pawtucket and Woonsocket.

DOT Directors over the first 100 years

This spring's 100th anniversary celebration led repeatedly to the questions "How many directors have there been?" and



THEY'VE WORKED FOR MOST OF THE DIRECTORS: William Riccio, left of Survey and Walter Ptazek, right, of Construction, are two of RIDOT's longest-tenured employees, have together worked 88 years for the Department.

"Who has a list?" Thanks to the efforts of RIDOT Historian Michael Hébert and former Communications Office intern Kaitlin Yapchaian, here is the list!

Department of Public Works

1903 John H. Edwards, Chairman
1913 Robert B. Treat, Chairman
1914 John F. Richmond, Chairman
1918 Abram L. Atwood, Chairman
1935 Charles F. McElroy, Director
1938 John V. Keily, Director
1939 Frederick V. Waterman, Director
1941 Daniel J. Ryan, Director
1947 Oresto DiSaia, Director
1949 Philip S. Mancini, Director
1955 Joseph M. Vallone, Director
1959 Angelo A. Marcello, Director
1961 John F. Capaldi, Director

1963 Angelo A. Marcello, Director

1969 Morris Chorney, Director

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1970 Francis J. Fazzano, Director
1972 Morris Chorney, Director
1973 Robert J. Rahill, Director
1977 Wendall J. Flanders, Director
1982 Edward W. Wood, Director
1984 Dante E. Boffi, Jr., Director
1985 Joseph Pezza, Director
1985 Herbert F. DeSimone, Director
1986 Matthew J. Gill, Jr., Director
1991 Daniel P. Fanning, Director
1993 Dante E. Boffi, Jr., Director
1995 William F. Bundy, Director
1996 William D. Ankner, Director



HAPPY SEND-OFF: Irene Capotosto, of the Federal Programs section, is seen here with balloons as she retired June 28, 2002, with over 22 years of state service. She was employed with the State Controller's Office, Rhode Island College, and with the Department of Transportation Federal Programs Section for 13 years. Although Irene did not want a big celebration to mark her retirement, balloons and refreshments were hallmarks of the day, and her friends throughout the Department were invited to stop by and wish her well. Good luck, Irene, and happy traveling!

Paul "Big Mac" McEnanly retires after 34 years

By Joe Bucci

Paul McEnanly (also known in RIDOT Traffic as Big Mac) finally decided to retire after more than 34 years of state service. He began his career in Materials as an Engineering Aide. He then decided to get an engineering degree, so he went to URI, where he graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering.

He took a civil engineering position in the RIDOT Planning Division where he was the Highway Safety Engineer. From Highway Safety he moved to the Traffic and Speed Monitoring Unit where he served the rest of his time at RIDOT.

Mac is one of the kindest people you would ever meet. He would do anything for anybody and was always first with a donation for charitable causes. He was a practical joker and a lot of fun to have around. He is a very jovial person and dedicated state employee. We will miss having him around the office but we will never forget our time with him.

His retirement party was held at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick and was very well attended by family and many friends.

Mac lived the single life in Providence up until a couple of years ago when he met his wife Nancy. They now live in Cumberland.



LONG RIDE TO WORK: For 'Bike to Work' day, Paul Vincent, left, of RIDOT's Real Estate appraisal section rode his bike in from Bristol. His 14 miles was likely one of the longest bike rides to work that day, and took him one hour and 40 minutes. The pace allowed him to enjoy the natural beauty along the East Bay Bike Path through Bristol, Warren, Barrington, and East Providence up to the Washington Bridge. He says, "There are many scenic views that you don't get from the roadway," and he plans on doing it again.

Congratulations!

Mary Vittoria-Bertrand, Civil Engineer in RIDOT's Bridge Engineering Section, recently passed the Civil Engineer professional engineer examination. So make that, Mary Vittoria-Bertrand, P.E.



CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Murphy of Internal Audit who, as Assistant Coach of the U12 Boys Division 3 Ocean State Soccer Team (RI Youth Super Liga), helped lead the team to win the state championship. Joe's son, Brian, is a member of the team.



A FIRST EVER LATINO SAFETY DAY was held June 15 at Providence's Club Juan Pablo Duarte Center. Left to right above, Providence Mounted Police Officer Greg Vanderhorse, Rhode Island State Trooper Ben Barney, Minerva Rosario of the Club Juan Pablo Duarte Center, Ronni Edmonds of the Governor's Office on Highway Safety, Providence Mounted Police Officer Nelson Valdivia, and Inspector Luis DelRio, President of the Hispanic Officers Association of Rhode Island. Co-sponsored by Providence Safe Communities, the Dominican American Association, South Providence Tutorial, Club Juan Pablo Duarte Center, Sodexo, and the Rhode Island Hispanic Officers Association, the event was attended by over 60 adults and children, who learned about proper use of child restraints, seatbelts, and what to do in the event of a fire.

Scenes from the Summer of 2002



Fifth Annual Bike Safety Day

July 24 at Goddard State Park



TRAC spotlight on Mike Savella

Mike Savella of RIDOT Bridge Design was the subject of the Summer 2002 edition of the publication *TRAC Record*. It asks “What does a man with three college degrees do? Mentor, of course.”

Between 1980 and 1990, Savella earned three college degrees, a B.A. in Math, a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and a B.S. in Civil Engineering, from the University of Vermont, the University of Rhode Island, and Roger Williams University. He joined RIDOT in 1990 and is a principal civil engineer in Bridge Design.

He is quoted as saying, “If we as educators can spark an interest in the students’ desire to learn about what makes the physical

world around them tick, then an increased interest in math and physics will soon follow, and subsequently a rewarding technical career.” According to *TRAC Record* “It is this belief that motivates him to visit up to eight schools, 12 to 18 times per year.

“In fact, Savella was recruited for TRAC because of his mentoring background, and the experience has also led him to become a volunteer recruiter. Mike is happy to share his tools and tricks -of-the-trade with the state’s energetic team of TRAC Volunteers. With 256 hours of college credits, he certainly has plenty of knowledge to go around.”

**Intern tour*

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asphalt are produced. The staff at JH Lynch was kind enough to start Friday morning off with coffee, doughnuts, and bagels for the interns and staff.

After lunch with Director William D. Ankner Ph.D. at Whispering Pines on the Alton Jones Campus, the interns' knowledge of transportation was put to the test as URI professors Chris Hunter and Natasha Thomas hosted a game of Transportation Jeopardy. The scores of the two teams were close, and in the end it was decided that there was no clear winner.

At the end of the day it was evident that the RIDOT summer interns had walked away from the Intern Enhancement Program with some new friends, great memories, and a greater understanding of RIDOT and all of its projects.



RIDOT's sign shop...as up-to-date as any in Rhode Island

"Our sign shop is as capable as any high end sign shop found in the state today." Ed Golden, RIDOT Maintenance Senior Sign Technician, is proud of his shop, the Traffic Maintenance Sign Division. It's there that he and Dan Gannon produce all the signage for the Rhode Island's interstates, highways, bridges and intersections.

"Of course," Golden said, "we have federal highway standards and code we must follow, with very little leeway to change layout and design. But once in a while, we get a job with some great sign design potential. That moves us right up into the modern age of signage."

Golden has been in the sign trade for over 25 years, most of them at his own business in Apponaug. "I learned the craft in vocational training at Tollgate High's Commercial Art program, and at a commercial art college in Boston called Butera School of Art. I graduated top of my class in 1976," he said adding, "Dan Gannon has primarily the same education and sign track record as me, making him a great asset to the new technical shop."

This summer both men were eagerly looking forward to moving to the new Maintenance facility in Warwick. "The trade has gone hi-tech with computer aided hardware and software. Signs used to be lettered by hand 10 to 15 years ago," Golden explained.

"We are very familiar with both manual and computer design," he continued. "We have stepped away from the DOS type systems, upgrading to the PC design stations in use today. We keep an old Gerber type-setting machine as a back up system."

Finally, the sign goes to installers, a six-man crew: George Broderick, Jack Cullen, Khorin Souvalian, Robert Lang, Vincent Bilodeau, and Pasqual Read. They Dig-Safe check each sign. Supervisor Paul Vartian assigns the crew's workload once the signs are Dig-Safe approved.

Greenway Challenge date set

The Second Annual Blackstone River Valley Greenway Challenge will be held on Saturday September 28. Once again, RIDOT has been invited to take part in the challenge by the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. Last year, 50 teams participated in biking, canoeing and cycling along the Blackstone River, and RIDOT won 10th place.

If you are interested in participating, contact Lori A. Capaldi at 222-4203, ext. 4537 (e-mail at lcapaldi@dot.state.ri.us) or Steve Kut at 222-6935, ext. 4485 (e-mail at skut@dot.state.ri.us). Please let us know if you would like to bike, run, or paddle.

Audit employees mark anniversaries

Congratulations to Jack Carter, Auditor, and Fred Currier and Joe Pemantell, Sr. Auditors, on working 10 years in the Audit Section. Audit recently welcomed Mary Jo Souza and Donna Buckley, who joined the External Audit Section as Auditors.

"We've come a long way, and continue to stay on the cutting edge. Our large format printer prints onto vinyl. With it we can produce more intricate layout and designs such as the wildflower sign we created for Sheleen Clark DeFusco and the landscape program," Golden said.

"I am proud to have been part of building this shop with the help and insight of Joseph D'Ambra, Kenny Dionne, Paul Vartian, John Nickelson and Marie Marcaccio to mention a few. We try to present our division in a professional light. I enjoy the work I do. I hope to continue promoting the DOT in a positive image through its signs," Golden concluded.



Ed Golden

*Sign for the Champs

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Many people within the Department (and many outside, for that matter) felt it would be appropriate to show our appreciation to the newly crowned Champs by erecting signs near the campus.

There was much discussion about the wording, color selection, size and location. The results can be seen on Route 116, (both directions) near the intersection of Route 7, just off route 295 in Smithfield.

Now, if we can just do something about those Red Sox!



SPECIAL SIGN: Dan Gannon displays the special sign created for the World Champion New England Patriots Training Camp.



CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER Ed Szymanski, seen above left, participated in the 15th annual MS 150 Bike Tour, which had raised \$278,000 by midsummer. A total of 492 cyclists participated in the tour. Ed said, "The weather was great for riding. The Re-Cyclers Team had six riders, as seen in this Saturday morning photo. Everyone accomplished their goal without any problems. I am happy to report that none of the team members had a flat tire this year."



CHAIN SAW WINNER: Forest Applications Training put on a series of chain saw programs this spring as part of the RI T2 Center, Rhode Island Public Works Association workshop series. The trainer, Tim Ard, was an exhibitor at RIDOT Construction Career Day and carved the sculpture which is now on display at Maintenance. The RIPWA program included Chain Saw Operating Techniques and the Chain Saw Skills and Safety program. Throughout the programs participants are scored for their chain saw and safety proficiency. This year's high scorer was Bill Eldred of the North Kingstown Highway Department, seen above, with his prize, a new Husquavarna chain saw. Bill is also a member of the Wampanoag Indian Tribe.

Robert F. Lavallee

Robert F. LaVallee, 47, of North Smithfield, a heavy- equipment operator with RIDOT Maintenance, died May 28 at Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket.

He was the husband of Nancy (Thivierge) Chamberland-Lavallee. Born on Jan. 31, 1955, in Providence, a son of Joyce (Riley) Lavallee of Harrisville and the late Normand D. Lavallee, he had lived in North Smithfield for three years, having lived most of his life in Burrillville.

He had been a heavy-equipment operator for the RIDOT's Maintenance Division for the last 15 years, having previously worked for Jannell's Truck Body Co., Woonsocket.

He was a member of the statewide Sunshine Wheeler's Club, and Tom Foley's Bowling League, Smithfield.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves a son, Jaymie R. Lavallee, a stepson, Robert N. Chamberland Jr., and a stepdaughter, Brenda L. Chamberland, all of North Smithfield; and two brothers, Dennis Lavallee of Harrisville and James Lavallee of Pascoag.

The funeral was held June 1, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Park Avenue, Woonsocket. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Pascoag.

New hires and retirees

New hires at the Department of Transportation this summer included Donna J. Buckley and Mary J. Souza both of External Audit. Retirees this summer included Irene Capotosto of Federal Programs, Ronald Pitocco of Construction and Isaac Wallace of Real Estate.

Felag to be honored by VCRI

Mark Felag, Chief of RIDOT Materials, will be one of two people honored by the Volunteer Center of Rhode Island (VCRI) as the Center's 2002 Partners in Philanthropy on National Philanthropy Day November 19. The event will feature a reception at the Providence Performing Arts Center. The honorees were selected as each has helped VCRI raise significant amounts of money and provided leadership in planning the annual fall fling for the past several years. Tickets to the reception are available through VCRI.

Robert L. Franks

Robert L. Franks, 47, of East Providence, an administrator for the state Department of Transportation, died June 10 at home. He was the husband of Karen C. (Carvalho) Franks. Born in Holly Grove, Ark., a son of the late Roosevelt and Helen (Williams) Franks, he had lived in East Providence since 1978. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Indiana State University and earned a master's degree in labor relations from the University of Rhode Island.



Robert L. Franks

He was employed by the state for 25 years in various departments. Most recently he was the DOT's chief of administrative services of claims administration. He previously worked on the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights, in the DOT's EEOC office, as executive director of the department's Minority Business Enterprise, and in its Office of Legal Counsel.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart parish, where he was a volunteer at the annual feasts and coached Catholic Youth Organization basketball. He was an avid cribbage player and an accomplished athlete.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Justin Robert Franks, at home; six sisters, Fannie Anderson, Dorothy Lewis, Carolyn Franks, Rosetta Foster and Mona Lewis, all of Hammond, Ind., and Edna McPipe of Crystal, Minn.; five brothers, Roosevelt Franks Jr. of Crystal, Minn., Jerry Franks of Louisville, Ky., Ray Franks of Gary, Ind., and Luke and Tommie Franks, both of Hammond. He was the brother of the late Alfonzo Franks and Ernestine Bassett. The funeral was held June 14, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart Church, Taunton Avenue. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Family

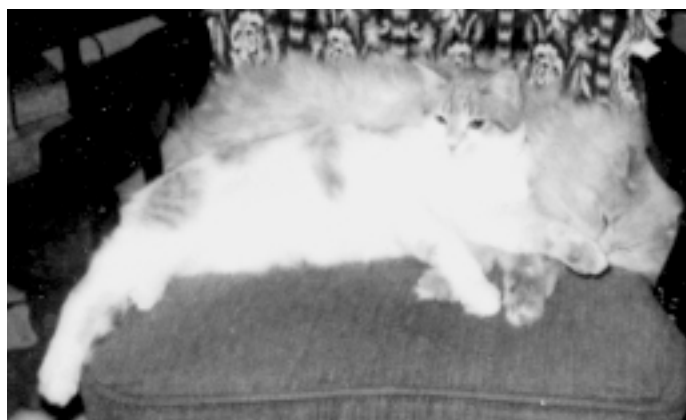
Baby boy for Design's Mike DeRotto

Samuel Charles Paul DeRotto was born June 14 at 8:19 am, and weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz. His happy parents are Danielle and Michael DeRotto, and his paternal grandparents are Samuel and Josephine DeRotto. Baby Samuel joins siblings Kristen, Brian, and Rachel.



Samuel DeRotto

More Pets



THAT'S TWO CATS ABOVE, not just one very fluffy one! Kathy Whitney's Louie in the foreground, and Teddy, the older brother draped in back are, "two crazy cats! They chase each other around all the time." They're seen on a long day after Christmas last winter.



Pat DiGregorio and daughter Sofia Ana

Baby girl for Pat DiGregorio of Bridge Design

Pasquale (Pat) Digregorio and his wife Gina are the proud new parents of their first child. Sofia Ana was born April 9, and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.



Baby girl for Tom Lewandowski

Thomas Lewandowski of RIDOT Transportation Systems Planning and Programming and his wife Kathy Anne are the proud parents of Kaitlin Anne who was born on January 28. Tom reports, "She's been a bundle of joy and has been sleeping all night from week six.... We have no complaints."

Daughter, granddaughter for RIDOT workers

Kyleigh Lural Souza, right, is the first child for Miguel Souza, an operator in the RIDOT TMC and his wife Sharon. Kyleigh was born March 20, weighing 8 lbs 5 ozs., and was 21.5 inches long. She's already passed 15 lbs. 5 oz.



Kyleigh's grandmother is Maureen Baker, Administrative Assistant and receptionist at the TMC.

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Ribbon Cutting for Rebecca at the Well Enhancement Project

June 7 on Block Island



BLOCK ISLAND RIBBON CUTTINGS: In early June, RIDOT held two ribbon-cutting ceremonies on Block Island. Director William D. Ankner, along with Lulu Kiley, wife of the late First Warden Richard Kiley, and Second Warden Jack Savoie, seen at right, celebrated the completion of a sidewalk improvement project along with a ribbon cutting for the enhancement project, the Rebecca at the Well statue. Rebecca at the Well, a 106-year-old landmark, sits at the intersection of Water, Spring, and High Streets. While the original of the statue has been moved indoors, a weatherproof replica has been returned to the original pedestal at the Old Harbor rotary. Improvements were made to the statue’s base and the rotary that consisted of resetting the engraved granite directional signs and cobblestones, and repaving.

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